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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NEW LEADERSHIP LINEUP  
OF CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning included the ruling coalition's plans to summon a former vice defense minister to testify as a sworn witness in the Lower House next week concerning his relationship with a Japanese defense contractor.

"Big Tasks Ahead for New Chinese Communist Leadership"  
The liberal Asahi editorialized (10/24): "...Although Chinese President Hu Jintao compromised with his predecessor Jiang Zemin on the new leadership lineup of the Chinese Communist Party, he managed to incorporate his idea of 'sustainable growth' in the party platform.... His strategy is aimed at focusing on such issues as pollution and income disparities, a departure from the party's longstanding tendency to focus exclusively on growth.... Political reform is indispensable to win the Chinese people's trust in their government by resolving those problems and combating bureaucratic corruption. It will be extremely difficult for the Hu administration to further reflect public opinion in the policymaking process while maintaining the communist regime. However, he needs to recognize that there is no other way to realize his idea of 'sustainable growth.'"

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